

CC Moline notes

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Extraction

- How much follow-up is done by OMM after permitting?
- Is reclamation mandatory when mining is complete?
- Monies need to be dedicated to OMM to truly support the permitting process
- Forestry staff is spread too thin
- Require foresters to do 1:1/removal:planting
- Increase number of CPOS to help maintain/patrol holdings
- Make sure we require mitigation by developers when their project affects our land

Harvest

- Educate the public on using the resource gently
- Use/expand Regional Coordinators that will develop a dedicated volunteer contingent to educate the public
- All safety classes must incorporate environmental education and conservation
- DNR is killing youth hunting; not enough opportunities
- Supply small grants to local organizations to foster youth hunting
- Hunting regulations are too restrictive; expand dates; means of harvest
- IDNR hunting seasons should be decided on by biologists, not the general public
- Status of CWD in IL?
- Provide more venues for dove season
- Fisheries is underfunded

Protection

- Plant food sources for game, stabilize soil
- Bring back IDNR food plot program for arable land; connect people to the land
- Repair infrastructure at parks to protect resources/habitat
- Reinstate C2000
- Create legislation to impede the privatization of IL rivers
- Update antiquated IL Water Laws

Access

- Work with private land owners to increase close by recreational opportunities
- Have local groups adopt IDNR sites; make access to the parks easier for volunteers
- Make it easier for local groups to use Parks for educational/family outings
- Create/expand a civilian CPO core to assist with park upkeep, patrolling

Building Bridges

- Fund Environmental Literacy/Education Bill for IL schools
- Require Outfitters, and Hunting and Fishing Clubs to educate participants
- Encourage Corporate stewardship and sponsorships of environmentally based youth groups in all regions
- Improve strategic services for the general public
- Create a volunteer based youth mentoring program for each region
- Encourage volunteerism by relaxing Employee Union requirements
- Reinstitute "Under Illinois Skies"
- Work with local non profits for big results for small amount of grant money

- Create a State wide program for summer jobs in the parks for high school and college students